Yumuna Action Plan

328. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Yamuna Action Plan;

(b) whether there is proper co-ordination among all the authorities concerned; if so, which are these; and

(c) whether there is any co-ordination committee to monitor the progress; if not, who does the monitoring job?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Under the Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) of Government, works have been taken up in 12 towns of Haryana and 8 towns of Uttar Pradesh besides Delhi. The approved cost of these works is Rs. 711 crore against which an expenditure of Rs. 655 crore has been incurred so far. The present physical progress of the work is 95%. A sewage treatment capacity of 750 million litres per day (mld) has been created under YAP which comprises 322 mld in Haryana, 398 mld in Uttar Pradesh and 30 mld in Delhi. In additions. Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has also taken up works of pollution abatement of river Yamuna in Delhi out of their plan funds. Under this component, the Government of NCT of Delhi has constructed sewage treatement plants at 17 locations with appurtenant works. The expenditure on these works during the Ninth Plan was Rs. 617 crore and the outlay for the year 2002-03 is Rs. 212 crore. The present installed capacity of sewage treatement in Delhi is 2200 mld which also includes 30 mld capacity created under Yamuna Action Plan of Government. In addition, Government of NCT of Delhi has taken up construction of 15 nos. of Common Effluent Treatment Plants to address the problem of industrial pollution from 21 industrial estates in Delhi.

(b) and (c) No problem of co-ordination amongst various agencies in the three States has been reported. The agencies involved in the three States are as follows:

Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Jal Board, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, Department of Urban Development under Government of NCT of Delhi.

Uttar Pradesh: Department of Urban Development and Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam.

Haryana: Public Health Engineering Department

At present, the coordination amongst various agencies and monitoring of sanctioned works under Yamuna Action Plan is being done by Government of India throught the Ministry of Environment & Forest. However, as the there are multiple agencies involved in Delhi, the Government of NCT of Delhi has been asked to constitute a high level committee to coordinate all works of pollution abatement of Yamuna.

Water fowl in Chilka lake

329. SHRI RAMACHNDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the decline in the number of water fowl in Nalabana Island in Chilka lake in Orissa, the area earmarked as a wildlife sanctuary; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the figures of water fowl during the last five years, both inside and outside the wildlife sanctuary area in Chilka lake?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The bird population inside the sanctuary fluectuates from year to year. Figures of water fowl during the last five years both inside and outside the wildlife sanctuary as per the Wildlife Wing of State Forest Department is as follows:

Year	Inside the Sanctuary area	Outside the Sanctuary area	Total
1997-98	N.A.	N.A.	22.00 lakhs
1998-99	8.45	3.92	12.37 lakhs
1999-00	9.75	5.72	15.48 lakhs
2000-01	6.56	3.38	09.94 lakhs
2001-02	2.33	12.80	15.13 lakhs

Thus, it can be seen that the bird population has increased in this area in the year 2001-02. This has happened due to the formation of Birds Protection Committee amongst the peripheral villages and provision of loan to poachers through the nationalized banks for adopting alternate livelihoods options.